

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – October 23, 2013 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Cook, David McKinnon, Kyle Hemly, Brandy Wilson and Paul Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg and Carolyn Nitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Sara Brosier and Joan Mattox, Friends of Hubbard Reservoir, Tim Breuer, Idaho Land Trust

INTRODUCTION:

Chairman Chris Cook called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes from the September 25th meeting. David McKinnon motioned to approve the minutes, Brandy Wilson seconded; motion passes

AGENDA CHANGE

Under new business add Ridge to Rivers update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HUBBARD RESERVOIR:

The Eagle Scout fence removal project will be this Saturday. A map showing the areas of fencing that will be removed is circled in red and white. There are questions on some areas of fencing that do not follow the property boundary. Scott Koberg has been working with the Department of Lands and the property owner on this issue. At this time it does not affect this project but in the future there will be some discussion regarding the grazing lease agreement on the property. There are questions on who owns and should retain the fencing and t-posts in this area. The land owner is interested in talking about the area of land that is inside the property boundary of Hubbard Reservoir.

We do not have pricing of the toilets at this time. Scott Koberg is obtaining information from Canyon County Parks who have just recently placed a CXT toilet at a park. The Advisory Board asked if we have received approval from Department of Lands for a toilet, Scott Koberg will be contacting Department of Lands.

Sara Brosier and Joan Mattox, Friends of Hubbard went out and walked the land. They had suggested needs for the area. Garbage receptacles and fire hazard signs; the area is designated as a pack in - pack out.

The Advisory Board will move forward with a comprehensive plan of Hubbard Reservoir. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

BONNEVILLE POINT SUBDIVISION:

Scott Koberg and Brandy Wilson met with Boise City planners, Boise City Parks and Recreation and Meg Leatherman, Ada County Development Services. We had made a recommendation that they do not allow access from the micro paths onto the Oregon Trail site. The intent of the property is

preservation of the Oregon Trail. We communicated this with the Planning and Zoning Commission, they agreed and put in the condition of approval that micro paths could stay but they needed to be fenced with no gates. When it went before the Boise City Council they added a condition of approval that requires the Developer to work with Boise City Parks and the Ada County Parks Advisory Board to create access before they can have their building permit approved. This occurred because we did not have a representative present to explain to the City Council why this was important to us. If we submit a letter to the City Council from the Ada County Commissioners stating that the land is under historic preservation and not recreation at this time.

MOTION: Chris Cook motioned to have Scott Koberg and Brandy Wilson draft a letter for the Board of Ada County Commissioners to submit to Boise City Council, Paul Woods seconded; motion passes

FAREWELL BEND SUBDIVISION:

Regarding this subdivision we wanted access to our property through the subdivision. After last month's meeting when this was discussed the Developer went to Planning and Zoning and they approved it because there was no input from Ada County. This will need to go before City Council; once we have this date we can talk at that point and see if the City Council will be amendable to add conditions of approval. We need to make sure that corridor has access restrictions. A draft letter was handed out that is currently under review by the Board of Ada County Commissioners. The information from this Advisory Board was incorporated into the letter, if there is any input on this letter after this discussion we should still have time to get it to Meg Leatherman.

MOTION: Brandy Wilson motioned to strike in the second paragraph, paved access to native grass and shrubs and an access gate with bollards to a fence and drive gate that can be locked; and strike the last sentence and further recommends that the developer provide funding for an interpretive sign for Ada County to identify the site as a historic and cultural resource. Jim Keller seconded; motion passes

RED HAWK ESTATES:

There is no update on the Red Hawk Estates. Tim Breuer, Land Trust of Idaho is interested in the status of the property. Hidden Springs Community is interested in how it will fit into the context of a bigger open space and trail opportunity. Tim is available to help bring parties together.

The Advisory Board would like to start the process for the property now that the redemption period has passed. They would like to devote one to two meeting to this.

ADA EAGLE SPORTS COMPLEX:

Ada County had issued a stop work order regarding the flow trail work. Under the guidance of the County the Parks Department, Development Services Engineer and Risk Management were given the directive to handle this at a staff level to remove the stop work order. They met on site with the Planning to address this. They were able to get the stop work order removed. The trail has been completed for the most part. There are some concerns with the trails; the trails are not consistent with Ridge to River trails. They are wider than intended and should be a single downhill directional trail. The bridge over another trail is still too steep and users of the trail needing an alternate trail. Eagle City says they have a seeding plan to reduce the width of the trail.

COMMUNITY CHOICES GRANT:

This is for the grant to pipe the Penitentiary Canal. The grant is under review.

ADVISORY BOARD OPENING:

We still have an opening, if anyone knows of someone who would like to volunteer you can have them fill out an application.

NEW BUSINESS

RIDGE TO RIVERS:

The quarterly meeting was postponed due to the Federal furlough and new meeting has not been set at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.